



## Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Chuck Reed  
Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

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Approved: *Chuck Reed*

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**SUBJECT: MOBILE HOME CONVERSION ORDINANCE**

### RECOMMENDATION

Include the Mobile Home Conversion Ordinance as one of the council's top ten priorities for the 2014-2015 year.

### ANALYSIS

We have heard the testimony over the last several months of mobile home park residents who fear for the loss of their homes. This is particularly troublesome given the state of affordable housing in our city and the lack of opportunities or alternative options for displaced residents.

San Jose has more mobile home parks than any nearby city with 59 parks and over 10,000 units within. Should any one of these be converted to another use there would not be enough units elsewhere for those residents to relocate, if they wish to remain in their mobile homes. Furthermore, any change to their living arrangements would not only be a temporary disruption, but would dismantle the social network many of these residents rely on.

Under our current general plan and urban villages strategy, we have five mobile home parks that would be likely targets for conversion, and one of them has already been negotiating with developers. The urgency of this situation makes this policy a priority and necessary to protect one of the few affordable housing options we currently have. We must do more to promote affordable housing within San Jose and that should begin with protecting the options we do have.